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MEN OF STRIKE—II

Oregon Army Vet Brain-Behind-Brain

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Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of six stories dealing with the men of the United States Strike Command headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base. The command was set up Oct. 12 and ordered to be operational by the first of the year. Strike beat the deadline by three days. The highly-mobile unified force, which can move at a moment's notice to any world trouble spot, is under the command of Gen. Paul D. Adams. This series deals with one of the officers in each of the six sections, J-1 through J-6, in the command.)

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J-2 is one of the most important of the six sections in the U.S. Strike Command Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base. Literally, it is the brain of the headquarters, the intelligence section.

One of the officers in this important section is Col. Norman G. Reynolds, a 48-year-old native of Corvallis, Ore., and much-decorated battalion commander in World War II.

Col. Reynolds, who commanded the 2nd Battalion, 242nd Infantry of the 42nd Division in the European Theater, was given seven decorations and

awards including the Silver Star Medal and the Bronze Star Medal.

"Basically, I think it's a J-2 officer's job to keep the commander and staff informed of what the enemy is doing and that consists of many things," Col. Reynolds said.

"We are responsible for giving an evaluation of an area in which we're going to operate, things like the climate and terrain. It also is our responsibility to enforce security policies for the headquarters."

The security role has many angles. It includes protecting the headquarters command from espionage, keeping classified information from falling into enemy hands and to protect individuals assigned to the command from being subversive.

Col. Reynolds, whose immediate past assignment was in the headquarters of the Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Va., explained that the J-2 operation in the Strike Command was compounded because the section may be called on to operate in any part of the world.

A University of Oregon graduate, Col. Reynolds related that Strike's J-2 section is fed information from the Central Intelligence Agency, the government's super-secret agency, and from intelligence sections of other commands throughout the world.

"Intelligence reports may not be received directly but rather indirectly from daily reports filed all over the world," Col. Reynolds pointed out.

It also is the function of the J-2 section within Strike to provide intelligence planning on a staff level for various exercises in which each of the six sections participate.

Col. Reynolds, who entered the service Jan. 1, 1936, can be found most any day of the week at his desk. Like all the other men assigned to Strike, he has three duffel bags packed and ready to go. One is packed with gear for the winter climate, the second for a moderate climate and the third for survival in the tropics.



—Staff Photo by Russell McWilliams Jr.

CHECKING DAILY REPORT

Col. Norman G. Reynolds, assigned to J-2 section of the U.S. Strike Command here, inspects a daily intelligence report his office received from both the CIA and other commands throughout the world.